



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Hisashi YAMAGISHI, et al.

Application No.: 08/898,853

Group Art Unit: 3711

Confirmation No.: Unassigned

Examiner: Raeann Gorden

Filed: July 25, 1997

For: MULTI-PIECE SOLID GOLF BALL

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**REMARKS**

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed together with a request for a continuation application. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

As set forth in the Office Communication of July 18, 2001 (Paper No. 30), Applicants advised the Examiner that a CPA would be filed with a Preliminary Amendment and a request for an interview. The Examiner agreed with this course of conduct.

It is Applicants' position that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 is without merit. Specifically, the Examiner is of the position that the present application does not provide support for claim 13 which recites a core with three core layers and a cover. The original disclosure describes a cover consisting of two layers and a core of at least two layers. If claim 13 is directed to a core having three layers and a cover of a single layer, the Examiner says, that claim is inconsistent with the disclosure that requires a cover of two layers and a core of two layers.

However, it must be noted that Applicants are not claiming a three piece ball or a five piece ball where a layer is being removed or a layer is being added, inconsistent with the

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